

**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-13, 15, 16, and 18-21 have been allowed. Claims 3, 9, 17, 22, had been previously withdrawn pursuant to an Election of Species Requirement and were canceled *sua sponte* by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability mailed on July 17, 2008.

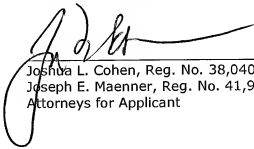
New claims 24-27 have been added to reintroduce the subject matter of canceled claims 3, 9, 17, and 22, with claim 24 corresponding to claim 3, amended to recite that the locking element comprises a linear locking element for clarification; claim 25 corresponding to claim 9, with an amendment in its dependency to depend from new claim 24; claim 26 corresponding to claim 17; and claim 27 corresponding to claim 22, amended to recite that the locking element comprises a linear locking element for clarification.

In accordance with the election of species requirement mailed on August 10, 2006, which states that, "[u]pon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim," Applicants respectfully request entry of claims 24-27.

**Conclusion**

Based on the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully request entry of claims 24-27.

Respectfully submitted,



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